

1 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Yes in My Back Yard and Sonja Trauss - Appellants to Pay City  
2 \$32,000]

3 **Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Yes in My Back Yard, a**  
4 **California nonprofit corporation, and Sonja Trauss against the City and County of San**  
5 **Francisco, Nordstrom, Inc., 469 Stevenson Investment, LLC, and Yerba Buena**  
6 **Neighborhood Consortium, LLC for a payment to the City of \$32,000; the lawsuit was**  
7 **filed on January 20, 2022, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. case # CPF-22-**  
8 **517661, and appealed by petitioners to the First District Court of Appeal, Case No.**  
9 **A167949; entitled Yes In My Back Yard, et al. vs. City and County of San Francisco, et**  
10 **al.; the lawsuit involves a challenge to San Francisco’s requirement of further**  
11 **environmental review of a proposed project under the California Environmental Quality**  
12 **Act and compliance with the California Housing Accountability Act.**

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14 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

15 Section 1. Pursuant to Charter Section 6.102(5), the Board of Supervisors hereby  
16 authorizes the City Attorney to settle the action entitled Yes In My Back Yard, et al. vs. City  
17 and County of San Francisco, et al., San Francisco Superior, Case No. CPF-22-517661, and  
18 appealed by petitioners to the First District Court of Appeal, Case No. A167949, by  
19 Appellants’ payment to the City of \$32,000 and dismissal of the lawsuit. The lawsuit involves  
20 a challenge to San Francisco’s requirement of further environmental review of a proposed  
21 project under the California Environmental Quality Act and compliance with the California  
22 Housing Accountability Act.

23 Section 2. The above-named action was filed in January 20, 2022, and the following  
24 parties were named in the lawsuit: Yes in My Backyard and Sonja Trauss, Petitioners and  
25 Plaintiffs; City and County of San Francisco; San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and DOES

1 1-25, Respondents and Defendants; Nordstrom, Inc.; 469 Stevenson Investment, LLC; Yerba  
2 Buena Neighborhood Consortium, LLC, Real Parties In Interest.

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5 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
6 RECOMMENDED:

RECOMMENDED:

7 DAVID CHIU  
8 City Attorney

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

9 /s/  
10 AUSTIN M. YANG  
11 Chief Land Use Deputy

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12 RICH HILLIS  
13 Director

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# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Ordinance

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**File Number:** 240147

**Date Passed:** April 16, 2024

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Yes in My Back Yard, a California nonprofit corporation, and Sonja Trauss against the City and County of San Francisco, Nordstrom, Inc., 469 Stevenson Investment, LLC, and Yerba Buena Neighborhood Consortium, LLC for a payment to the City of \$32,000; the lawsuit was filed on January 20, 2022, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. case # CPF-22-517661, and appealed by petitioners to the First District Court of Appeal, Case No. A167949; entitled Yes In My Back Yard, et al. vs. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves a challenge to San Francisco's requirement of further environmental review of a proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act and compliance with the California Housing Accountability Act.

March 21, 2024 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - RECOMMENDED

April 02, 2024 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING


Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton


April 16, 2024 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 240147

**I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 4/16/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.**

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
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London N. Breed  
Mayor

4/26/24  
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Date Approved